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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's restriction requirement identifies the following inventions for election:

Group 1, claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-16, 18-19, 21-26, and 32-33, drawn to a seat or chair; and

Group 2, claims 27-31, and 34-38, drawn to a method of constructing a chair.

Applicant hereby elects Group 1, claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-16, 18-19, 21-26 and 32-33 without traverse. Accordingly, claims 27-31 and 34-38, have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Concerning the restriction requirement by the Examiner that the invention relates to more than one species of the generic invention of Group 1, applicant elects the species identified by the Examiner in the official communication as Subgroup 1, Figures 7-10, if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Of the remaining claims in this application, applicant submits that at least claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-12, 14-16, 18-19, 21-25 and 32-33 read on the species represented by Subgroup 1.

Applicant submits that this is a complete response to the outstanding Examiner's communication and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

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